matter of purchase of properties and stores, award of contracts and inventory control.

(c) The Vigilance and Audit wing of Air India is looking into these complaints and some of the allegations are also under investigation of Central Bureau of Investigation. Appropriate action will be taken after the results of the enquiries are available.

Corruption in State Transport Authority, Delhi

*333. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints regarding the corrupt practices rampant in the Enforcement Department of the State Transport Authority of Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details of complaints received during 1st January, 1984 to 20th October, 1986; and

(c) what action has been taken to eliminate the corrupt practices from the Deparment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Delhi Administration have reported that they had received during January, 1984—October, 1986 five complaints alleging corrupt practices in the Enforcement Department of the Delhi Transport Authority. hese complaints relate to acceptance/demand of gratification by the staff. Each case investigated and enquired into. In none of the cases, the complainants had substantiated the charges.

(c) The Delhi Administration have taken a number of steps like issuance of suitable instructions to the staff not to entertain unauthorised persons in the office premises, providing of information to the public regarding the procedures for different jobs through public address system in the Department's premises so that their work is facilitated; surprise checks by senior officers, and strengthening of existing offices and setting up of more zonal offices.

Report of International Exports on Malaria Eradication

*334. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that a High Power Committee of international experts submitted its report to Government on 20th October, 1985 on malaria eradication; and

(b) whether the report of the Committee was accepted and implemented; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Realising the need for reviewing the modified Plan of Operations under National Malaria Eradication Programme, the Government of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare had appointed a Committee comprising of national and international experts. The Committee, in its report submitted in October,

1985, has made the following recommendations:

1. Constitution of a Technical Committee for undertaking malariogenic stratification of the problem areas in the country.

2. Augmentation of facilities for training in malariology and allied fields at Centre and State level.

3. Working out a plan of action to enlist active community participation towards anti-malaria programme and health education.

4. Opening of divisions of (i) Planning and epidemiological assessment and (ii) Operational research and development at Centre and State level. Joint Planning and monitoring of operational research by NMEP and ICMR.

5. Effective inter and intra-sectoral coordination for execution of environmental intervention measures to control malaria.

6. Continuation of P. falciparum Containment Programme with SIDA assistance for the Eighth Five Year Plan period.

Taking into consideration, the recommendations of the Committee, the Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have:—

(i) constituted a Committee to undertake the malariogenic stratification of problem areas in the country. The findings are awaited;

(ii) constituted an expert Committee to draw up a plan of action for active community participation and health education to check the growing public indifference towards malaria control programmes;

(iii) approached the various Ministries/departments concerned for creating an in-built infrastructure in development projects like coal-mines, steel, Oil projects, irrigation projects, water supply projects, urban housing projects etc. for undertaking malaria control measures;

(iv) undertaken a review of the position for augmentation of facilities for training in malariology and allied fields within the available time schedule and resources; and

(v) Constituted a Committee of National and International experts to suggest new schemes/areas for operational field research. The report of the Committee is awaited.

Eradication of Guinea worm disease

*335. SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated number of the victims of guinea worm disease in various States, annually; and

(b) what effective steps have been taken by the Central Government to eradicate the said disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The number of people suffering from Guinea-worm disease during 1985 are as under:—

States	Number of Patients 1985
1. Andhra Pradesh	2389
2. Gujarat	321
3. Karnataka	4035
4. Madhya Pradesh	8470
5. Maharashtra	4257
6. Rajasthan	11644